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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 73-78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 73-78 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 January 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse, Embodiment 1 corresponding to claims 1-6 & 73-78 are drawn to a mobile communication network in outline in the reply filed on 9/05/2008 is acknowledged. Claims 7-72 & 79-144 are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 & 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

-“propagation time of radio signal between the two radio stations and the radio terminal” is unclear. Is that the time offset between a radio station and radio terminal?

- “specifying a communication rangeto determine the candidate point included in the communication range of the two candidate points” is unclear.

What is the communication range?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 1-6 & 73-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keramen (2002/0094820).

With regard to claim 1 & 73, Keramen discloses:

- There are two radio stations with two known geographical location (see page 3, paragraph 29).
- A radio terminal with an unknown geographical location (see page 3, paragraph 30).
- Depicting two curves to determine two intersection points between the two curves as two candidate points for the geographical location of the radio terminal by using propagation time between two radio stations and the radio terminal (see page 3-4, paragraph 32-43).
- Determine the candidate point included in the communication range of the two candidate points as the geographical location of the radio terminal (see page 4, paragraph 42-43).

With regard to claim 2-3 & 74-75, Keramen teaches:

- Measure the propagation time and a difference of the propagation time of the radio signals between the radio station and the radio terminal in the step of finding two candidate points (see 4, paragraph 42).

With regard to claim 4 & 76, Keramen the mobile communication network comprising at least one radio terminal and at least two base stations (see page 4, paragraph 43).

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With regard to claim 5-6 & 77-78, Keramen the radio terminal has a function to receive a signal from a GPS satellite, one of the radio stations is the base station, and the other of the radio stations is the GPS satellite. Or both radio stations are GPS satellites (see page 1, paragraph 4-6).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGA X. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-5217. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TARCZA H. THOMAS can be reached on (571) 272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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